

## MODAL VERS

### ABILITY

#### 1. Complete these sentences using the correct form of CAN, COULD, BE ABLE TO

1. I'll \_\_\_\_\_ see you tomorrow.
2. It was too expensive. I \_\_\_\_\_ buy it.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ come with us next Thursday?
4. Will she \_\_\_\_\_ come to the office tomorrow?
5. I tried to see her but I \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ come tomorrow, I'm afraid. I'm too busy.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ contact your parents yesterday?
8. He \_\_\_\_\_ not ) work since his illness.
9. After a few hours, I \_\_\_\_\_ open the door and get out.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ see you next Monday at ten.
11. When they came back from Paris, they \_\_\_\_\_ speak perfect French.

#### 2. Complete these sentences with CAN, CAN'T, COULD, COULDN'T and one of the following verbs.

COME FIND HEAR SEE SPEAK EAT GO  
SLEEP UNDERSTAND

1. I'm sorry, but we \_\_\_\_\_ to your party next Saturday.
2. She got the job because she \_\_\_\_\_ five languages.
3. You're speaking very quietly. I \_\_\_\_\_ you.
4. Have you seen my bag? I \_\_\_\_\_ it
5. I like this hotel room. You \_\_\_\_\_ the mountains from the window.
6. I was tired but I \_\_\_\_\_.
7. She spoke very quickly. I \_\_\_\_\_ her.
8. His eyes are not very good. He \_\_\_\_\_ very well.
9. I wasn't hungry yesterday. I \_\_\_\_\_ my dinner.
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the meeting last week. He was ill.
11. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the concert next Saturday. He's working.

#### 3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of CAN, COULD or BE ABLE TO.

1. George has travelled a lot. He \_\_\_\_\_ speak four languages.
2. I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ sleep well recently.
3. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ drive but he hasn't got a car.
4. I can't understand Martin. I've never \_\_\_\_\_ understand him.

5. I used to \_\_\_\_\_ stand on my head 'but I can't do it now.
6. Ask Ann about your problems. She should \_\_\_\_\_ help you.
7. She \_\_\_\_\_ run very fast now but when she was at school she \_\_\_\_\_ faster than anyone else.
8. Did you persuade them. Yes, it was difficult but we \_\_\_\_\_ persuade them.
9. My grandfather was very clever. He \_\_\_\_\_ five languages.
10. I looked everywhere for the book but I \_\_\_\_\_ find it.
11. The fire spread quickly but everyone \_\_\_\_\_ escape.
12. She had hurt her leg, so she \_\_\_\_\_ walk very well.
13. She wasn't at home when I phoned but I \_\_\_\_\_ contact her later.
14. I looked very carefully and I \_\_\_\_\_ see a figure in the distance.
15. They didn't have any tomatoes in the first shop I went to, but I \_\_\_\_\_ get some in the next shop.
16. My grandmother loved music. She \_\_\_\_\_ play the piano very well.
17. The boy fell into the river but fortunately we \_\_\_\_\_ rescue him.

### REQUESTS

#### 1. Translate these sentences into English.

1. ¿Puedes abrir la puerta, por favor?
2. ¿Puedes venir a verme mañana?
3. ¿Puedes pasarme la sal?
4. ¿Puedes ayudarme con la maleta, por favor?
5. ¿Puedes contestar al teléfono por mí?
6. ¿Podría decirme la hora, por favor?
7. ¿Puedes ir a buscar a mi hermano allí?
8. ¿Podría usted esperar un momento?
9. ¿Puedes llamar a un taxi por mí?
10. ¿Podéis decirle a ella que estaré de vuelta a las seis?
11. ¿Podría cambiarme este billete?
12. ¿Podría decirme el camino al aeropuerto?
13. ¿Puedes echarme una mano con estas cajas?
14. ¿Puedes decirme como se le cambia el carrito a esta cámara?
15. ¿Puede darme fuego?

## PERMISSION

### **1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of CAN/COULD/MAY/ BE ALLOWED TO.**

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ sit here.
2. My mother says I \_\_\_\_\_ go out tonight.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I have a glass of water, please?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I come and see you tomorrow?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the children go to the cinema tonight?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I smoke in here?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ I have one of those cakes?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ I ask you some questions?
9. Visitors \_\_\_\_\_ stay in the hospital after ten pm.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ I use your phone?
11. Guests \_\_\_\_\_ wear casual dress in the last party.
12. When I was at school we \_\_\_\_\_ play football at break time.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ I have more food? No, you \_\_\_\_\_.
14. As a child \_\_\_\_\_ I keep a pet mouse.
15. I've never \_\_\_\_\_ have a party at Christmas.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ come to the cinema with us next Sunday?
17. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not) marry by her parents.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ skate on the ice last winter?
19. \_\_\_\_\_ we have some more biscuits mum?
20. \_\_\_\_\_ I have a word with you, please?

### **2. Read the situation and write what you would say.**

1. You want to borrow your friend's camera. What do you say to him? \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_?
2. You have a car and you want to give somebody a lift. What do you say? \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_?
3. You're telephoning the owner of a flat which was advertised in a newspaper. \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_?
4. You are interested in the flat and you want to come and see it today. \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_?
4. You are at an interview. You want to smoke a cigarette. What do you ask? \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_?
5. You want to leave work early because you have some important things to do. What do you ask your boss? \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_?

## POSSIBILITY

### **1. Rewrite these sentences.**

1. Maybe he'll get a new job.
2. I think the car is in the station car park.
3. Perhaps she'll move to London.
4. There's a possibility that the show will be cancelled.
5. Maybe she'll be elected.
6. I think that Andrew will collect the money.

7. Maybe Peter won't come school tomorrow.
8. It is possible that it will rain this afternoon.
9. I don't think she is at home at the moment.
10. Maybe there is some tea in the pot.

### **2. Translate these sentences into English.**

1. Puede que Tom llegue tarde hoy.
2. Puede ser que no la veamos esta tarde.
3. ¿Qué vas a comprar? Pudiera ser que me comprara unos zapatos.
4. Coge un paraguas. Pudiera ser que lloviera hoy.
5. Puede ser que Carlos viaje a París la próxima semana.
6. ¿Sabes si están casados? No estoy seguro: Puede ser que sí.
7. Pudiera ser que estuviera diciendo la verdad.
8. Puede que Jack esté en su oficina.
9. Puede que tu amigo no sea capaz de encontrar la casa.
10. Puede ser que la reunión no sea el viernes porque el director está enfermo.

### **3. Complete the sentences with MAY or MIGHT + one of these verbs.**

BE   HAVE TO   NOT WANT   NOT EAT

1. I forgot how careful Aunt Sally is about what she eats. She \_\_\_\_\_ spicy food.
2. I wonder what time Carol will arrive. She said she \_\_\_\_\_ late.
3. I left a message for Diana. I wonder why she hasn't phoned back yet. She \_\_\_\_\_ to speak after our quarrel.
4. Perhaps Guy won't be able to go back to London tonight. He \_\_\_\_\_ spend the night at a hotel.

## OBLIGATION

### **1. Fill in the blanks with MUST or the correct form of HAVE TO**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ leave the party early last night. I wasn't very well.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ get up early tomorrow if you want to catch the bus.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ get a visa to come here?
4. It was a very bad accident. You \_\_\_\_\_ be more

careful in future.

5. He 's been ill. He \_\_\_\_\_ stay in bed since last month.
6. I've told the children that they \_\_\_\_\_ come home before ten on Saturdays.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ do military service in your country when you were young?
8. They were very rude. They \_\_\_\_\_ apologise the next day.
9. The teacher told us that we \_\_\_\_\_ work harder.
10. You \_\_\_\_\_ get a passport before you go abroad next month.
11. We \_\_\_\_\_ come back by boat because the airport was closed by fog.
12. I \_\_\_\_\_ go to the bank yesterday to get some money.
13. The windows are very dirty. I \_\_\_\_\_ clean them.
14. The windows were very dirty yesterday. I \_\_\_\_\_ clean them.
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ get up early tomorrow. I've got a lot to do.
16. Come on! We \_\_\_\_\_ hurry. We haven't got much time.
17. We arrived home very late last night. We \_\_\_\_\_ wait long for a taxi.
18. These cakes are very nice. You \_\_\_\_\_ have one.
19. Ann came to the party but she didn't stay long. She \_\_\_\_\_ leave early.
20. He didn't know how to use this machine. I \_\_\_\_\_ show him.
21. I was nearly late for an appointment this morning. I \_\_\_\_\_ run to get there in time.
22. You really \_\_\_\_\_ work harder if you want to pass the exam.
23. Many children in Britain \_\_\_\_\_ wear uniform when they go to school.
24. Last night Don suddenly became ill. We \_\_\_\_\_ call the doctor.
25. Ann \_\_\_\_\_ wear glasses since she was eight years old.
26. I'm afraid I can't come tomorrow. I \_\_\_\_\_ work late.
27. I'm sorry I couldn't come yesterday. I \_\_\_\_\_ work late.
28. Tom may \_\_\_\_\_ go away next week.
29. We couldn't repair the car ourselves. We \_\_\_\_\_ take it to a garage.
30. When you come to London again, you \_\_\_\_\_ come and see us.
31. Why \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ go to the police station yesterday?
32. How many questions \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ answer in your exam?
33. Why \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ get up early tomorrow?

**2. Complete the sentences with MUST + one of the following verbs.**

BE BUY GO GO HELP HURRY LEARN  
MEET PHONE READ WASH WIN

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ to the bank today. We haven't got any money.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_. I haven't got much time..
3. She's a very interesting person. You \_\_\_\_\_ her.
4. I forgot to phone Dave last night. I \_\_\_\_\_ him today.
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ to drive. It's very useful.
6. This is an excellent book. You \_\_\_\_\_ it.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ some food. We've got nothing for dinner.
8. My hair is dirty. I \_\_\_\_\_ it.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ to the post office. I need some stamps.
10. I have a big problem. You \_\_\_\_\_ me.
11. Tomorrow the game is very important for us. We \_\_\_\_\_
12. You can't always have things immediately. You \_\_\_\_\_ patient.

**3. Fill in the blanks with MUST or the correct form of HAVE TO.**

*Les is going to take a group of young people on a hill-walking holiday. He is telling them some things they must know before they set out.*

"Well, before we set out, there are some things you \_\_\_\_\_ remember. So will everyone listen carefully, please?

The main thing is, we \_\_\_\_\_ all stay together when we are on the hills. Last year, we call out the mountain rescue team, when someone in the group got lost. We found him, but I \_\_\_\_\_ apologize to a lot of people for the trouble we caused. So on this trip we \_\_\_\_\_ show people that we know how to look after ourselves. And of course, everybody \_\_\_\_\_ have the right clothes and equipment.

You've got a list of what to bring.

Now, about transport the bus is going to pick us up from here tomorrow morning at 6.30, so we \_\_\_\_\_ be here by then. It's a long trip to the hills, and so the driver won't be happy if he \_\_\_\_\_ wait for anybody.

Now, Ruth and Jimmy, I know that you \_\_\_\_\_ come home early, and that your friends are going to collect you by car.

**PROHIBITION**

**1. Fill in the blanks with MUSTN'T + one of the following verbs.**

LOSE WASTE BE TELL FEED DRIVE  
STICK SMOKE SHOUT BORROW

1. In Britain, you \_\_\_\_\_ on the right.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ the animals in the zoo.
3. This is a secret. You \_\_\_\_\_ anybody.
4. I must hurry. I \_\_\_\_\_ late.
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ in the classroom.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ your tongue out at people.
7. You \_\_\_\_\_ my books without asking.
8. This letter is very important. You \_\_\_\_\_ it.
9. The baby is asleep. You \_\_\_\_\_.
10. It hasn't rained for ages, so you \_\_\_\_\_ water.

**2. Translate into English.**

1. No debo olvidar el cumpleaños de mi hermana.
2. No debes perder ese libro. Me lo han prestado.
3. No debes decirle a nadie lo que te he contado.

## NECESSITY

### **1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of NOT HAVE TO.**

1. The children are happy because they do \_\_\_\_\_ any homework today.
2. Why are you running home now? You \_\_\_\_\_ go home now.
3. Why did you get up so early? You \_\_\_\_\_ get up so early.
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ work so hard for these last two days.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ come to school next Monday. It's a holiday.
6. It was a through train so they \_\_\_\_\_ change.
7. We had free tickets so we \_\_\_\_\_ pay to get into the concert.
8. It's my day off so I \_\_\_\_\_ get up early this morning.
9. I'm extremely rich so I \_\_\_\_\_ work.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ wear a suit to work but I usually do.
11. I can stay in bed tomorrow morning because I \_\_\_\_\_ work.
12. We \_\_\_\_\_ leave now. We've got plenty of time.

### **2. Complete the conversations with MUSTN'T, NOT HAVE TO or NEEDN'T.**

*A. Phil is going for a job interview soon. He's talking to Jim about it.*

- I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ go for this interview.
- Why? You'll be all right.
- It's all very well for you to talk, Jim. You \_\_\_\_\_ go for the interview.
- Well, the main thing is, you \_\_\_\_\_ get too worried about it. I'm sure you \_\_\_\_\_ answer any really difficult questions.
- Maybe not. But the silly thing is, I'm not even sure I want the job now.
- Well, that's something you can find out. After all, you \_\_\_\_\_ take the job, even it's offered to you.

*B. A manager is talking to an employee.*

- John, you don't look at all well.
- I think I've got some kind of flu.
- Well, you \_\_\_\_\_ come this morning, really. We aren't very busy. And people \_\_\_\_\_ come to work if they don't feel well.
- Yes, I know I \_\_\_\_\_ come to work. But I have an important report to write. I felt that I \_\_\_\_\_ leave it any longer.
- O.K. See how you feel today. But you \_\_\_\_\_ come to work tomorrow if you still feel bad. Just take the day off.

### **3. Fill in the blanks with MUST, MUSTN'T or NEEDN'T.**

1. Shall do the shopping now?' No, you \_\_\_\_\_ do it now. You can do it later.
2. We haven't got much time. We \_\_\_\_\_ hurry.
3. We've got plenty of time. We \_\_\_\_\_ hurry.
4. Shall I clean the windows today? No, you \_\_\_\_\_ clean them today.
5. Do you want me to wait for you? No, it's okay. You \_\_\_\_\_ wait.
6. Tom gave me a letter to post. I \_\_\_\_\_ forget to post it.
7. Shall type these letters now? No, you \_\_\_\_\_.

You can type them later.

8. You \_\_\_\_\_ come if you don't want to but I hope you will.
9. What sort of house do you want to buy? Something big? Well, it \_\_\_\_\_ be big, that's not important. But it \_\_\_\_\_ have a nice garden.
10. We have enough food at home so we \_\_\_\_\_ go shopping today.
11. This book is very valuable. You \_\_\_\_\_ look after it very carefully and you \_\_\_\_\_ lose it.
12. Whatever you do, you \_\_\_\_\_ touch that switch. It's dangerous.

### **4. Write the correct form of NEED to complete these sentences.**

1. The teacher says we \_\_\_\_\_ go to school tomorrow. ( negative )
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ have a licence to drive a car in this country?
3. I've told her that she \_\_\_\_\_ to work harder. ( positive )
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ take an equipment; the school provides it. ( negative )
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ phone you before I come to see you?
6. My mother says I \_\_\_\_\_ do the washing-up today. ( negative )
7. You \_\_\_\_\_ have more experience before you apply for this job. ( positive )
8. You can go home now, you \_\_\_\_\_ stay any longer.
9. You \_\_\_\_\_ work here to be able to use the tennis court. ( negative )
10. You \_\_\_\_\_ say any more. I agree with you. ( negative )

## ADVICE

### **1. Complete the sentences with SHOULD(N'T) + one of the following verbs.**

GO VISIT BE WEAR SMOKE WATCH CLEAN READ  
WATCH DO HAVE DRIVE SPEND TAKE MARRY

1. When you play tennis, you \_\_\_\_\_ the ball.
2. You look tired. You \_\_\_\_\_ to bed.
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ so much. It's bad for your health.
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ your teeth after every meal.
5. The city museum is very interesting. You \_\_\_\_\_ it.
6. When you are driving, you \_\_\_\_\_ a seat-belt.
7. Children \_\_\_\_\_ T.V. too much.
8. They need a change. I think they \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday.
9. It's a good book. You \_\_\_\_\_ it.
10. Do you think I \_\_\_\_\_ an English course in Britain?
11. I've got a terrible headache. You \_\_\_\_\_ an aspirin.
12. He's a bad person. Sheila \_\_\_\_\_ him.
13. I think the government \_\_\_\_\_ money on arms.
14. That suit is too big for you. It \_\_\_\_\_ smaller.
15. Drivers \_\_\_\_\_ slower in cities.

**2. Read the situations and write sentences with SHOULD or OUGHT TO.**

1. Your friend is always coughing because he smokes too much.
2. Your friend has a bad toothache.
3. Your friend rides his bicycle at night without lights. You think it's dangerous.
4. You think it would be a good idea for all motorists to wear seat-belts.
5. The speed limit is 30 miles an hour but your friend is driving at 50.
6. It's very cold. Mr. Taylor, who has been ill recently, is walking along the road without a coat.
7. The notice says that the shop is open every day from 8.30. It is now 9 o'clock but the shop isn't open.
8. You don't think it would be a good idea for Jill and Sam to get married.

**3. Write sentences with SHOULD or OUGHT TO and the word(s) given.**

1. It's past the children's bedtime. (IN BED)
2. Can't they see the "Non Smoking" sign? ( IN HERE )
3. These windows are dirty. (CLEAN / MORE OFTEN)
4. Peter drives too fast. (MORE CAREFULLY)
5. He owes a lot of money. ( NOT LEND / ANY MORE)
6. There won't be much food at the party. (TAKE/SOMETHING)
7. I'm not sure what to wear at the wedding. (A SUIT?)
8. He says he can get us what we want. (PAY I NOW?)
9. The hotel is too expensive. (NOT STAY)
10. It's their wedding anniversary next week. (SEND/A PRESENT)

**4. Fill in the blanks with the correct form SHOULD I OUGHT TO, MUST or HAVE TO.**

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ be arriving in a few hours.
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ go home at twelve because my mother wants the car.
3. They insisted that we \_\_\_\_\_ have a meal.
4. There were no trains yesterday, so we \_\_\_\_\_ go by car.

5. I think you \_\_\_\_\_ tell your parents that you're going to be late.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ never do that again!
7. The manager suggested that we \_\_\_\_\_ try to find another hotel.
8. You \_\_\_\_\_ see that film if you get the chance.
9. Do you think we \_\_\_\_\_ ask before we borrow the car?
10. You \_\_\_\_\_ come if you don't want to.
11. You \_\_\_\_\_ be smoking at your age.
12. He asked me anxiously what he \_\_\_\_\_

**DEDUCTION**

**1. Complete this conversation , using the verbs in brackets together with MUST or CAN'T.**

*Rose and Jack are discussing their new neighbours and trying to work out what sort of people they are.*

- He \_\_\_\_\_ (BE) rich. There 's a big Volvo parked outside the gate.
- But it \_\_\_\_\_ (BELONG to him. I saw hi driving a Mazda last night.
- Look! There' s a woman getting out of a Mazda now! She \_\_\_\_\_ (BE) his wife.
- That means they \_\_\_\_\_ (HAVE) one car each. They \_\_\_\_\_ (HAVE) plenty of money. I wonder where they were living before they moved here.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (COME) from Scotland. The removal van had the name of a Glasgow company on it. ( There is a knock at the door. Jack answers it. )
- Hello. You \_\_\_\_\_ (BE) our new neighbours. Come in.
- No thanks, I won't come in. But I wonder if you can help us? We \_\_\_\_\_ (GET) all the keys of the house because we can't open the door of one room...

**2. Answer these questions using MUST or CAN'T.**

1. Is he British? Yes, he ...
2. Are they married? Yes, they...
3. Does Ann know a lot of people? No, she...
4. Do they have much money? No, they...
5. Are they waiting for somebody? Yes, they...

**3. Complete these sentences with MUST or CAN'T + one suitable verb.**

1. You've been travelling all day. You \_\_\_\_\_ tired.,
2. Brian has got 3 houses, 6 cars and a yacht. He \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money.
3. ( The doorbell rings.) I wonder who that is. It \_\_\_\_\_ Jim. He said he would come after 7 o'clock and it's only 6.30 now.
4. I wonder why Tom isn't at work today: I suppose he \_\_\_\_\_ ill.
5. John seems to know a lot about history. He \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of books.

6. Jack's putting on his hat and coat. He \_\_\_\_\_ out.

#### OFFERS

##### 1. Make questions with SHALL + the word(S) given.

1. It's warm in this room. (OPEN / WINDOW )
2. This programme isn't very good. (TURN OFF / T.V )
3. I'm hungry. (MAKE / A SANDWICH)
4. It's dark in the room. ( TURN ON / THE LIGHT)
5. Let's go out tonight. (WHAT TIME / MEET)

##### 2. Make the question which goes in front of each answer, using the word given.

*Shall We..... dance? I go to visit your parents this weekend? I meet for lunch? f have some coffee? f post these letters for you f do the washing up?*

1.  
Yes, please, if there's any warm water.
2.  
You have some if you like, I shan't.
3.  
Let' s wait until there are some more people on the floor.
4.  
I'm afraid I can't. I have to be in the office from twelve to two.
5.  
Yes, perhaps we ought to. We haven't seen them for several weeks now.
6.  
No, it's all right, I have to go and buy some stamps anyway.

##### 3. Translate into English.

1. ¿Te apetece un poco mas de café?
2. ¿Te gustaría venir al cine esta noche?
3. ¿Qué te apetece beber?
4. ¿Te apetece comer pescado mañana?
5. ¿Te gustaría ir a bailar el viernes por la noche?

##### 4. Read the situation and make sentences.

1. You want to invite someone to come and stay with you for the weekend.
2. A friend has just come to see you in your flat. Offer him something to drink.
3. There is a concert on tonight and you're going with some friends. You think Tom would enjoy it too. Invite him.
4. You are sitting in a crowded bus. There is an old lady standing. Offer her your seat.

## MODAL VERBS IN THE PAST

#### ABILITY

##### 1. Translate these sentences into English.

1. Podía haber venido al cine con nosotros pero decidió que no.
2. Podía habernos ayudado pero no quiso.
3. No pudo haberla llevado en coche a la estación porque no sabe conducir.
4. Sue no pudo haber traducido ese artículo al español porque no lo sabe.
5. John podía haber reparado la lavadora de la madre de Ken pero no quiso.

#### POSSIBILITY

##### 1. Read the situation and write a sentence with COULD/ MAY / MIGHT HAVE. Use the words given in brackets.

1. I can't find George anywhere. I wonder where he is.  
(might / go / shopping )
2. Sue went out two hours ago. I wonder where she was going.  
-( may / go to the theatre )  
-( could / go to a party )
3. Why didn't Tom answer the doorbell? I'm sure he was in the house at the time.  
-( may / go to bed early )  
-( might not / hear the bell )  
-( could / be in the. bath )
4. How do you think the fire started?

- ( someone / may I drop a cigarette)
- ( it I could / be an electric fault )
- 5. I wonder why Ann didn't come to the meeting.
- ( might / have to go somewhere else )
- ( may not / know about it )

### NECESSITY

#### **1. Write DIDN'T NEED TO or NEEDN'T HAVE and the correct form of the verb to complete these sentences.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (catch) the bus this morning because Vic gave me a lift.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (lend) him that money. I found out later that he had already borrowed all the money he wanted.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) that homework. The teacher didn't even look at it.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a tent because I knew I could hire one at the campsite.
5. You \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) such an expensive present, but I'm very glad that you did.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) any money; they had already told me that it wasn't necessary.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (count) the money; they had already told me that it was done automatically.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) so hard for my exams: they were much easier than I expected them to be.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up so early; I had forgotten that it was Sunday.
10. I had some friends in the town, so I \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in a hotel.

#### **2. Read the situation and write a sentence with NEEDN'T HAVE.**

1. Ann bought some eggs. When she got home, she found that she already had plenty of eggs.
2. Tom went out and took an umbrella with him because he thought it was going to rain. But it didn't rain.
3. Jack got very angry with Jill and threw a book at her. Later Jill said: "I know that you were very angry but ..."
4. Brian had no money, so he sold his car. A few days later he won a lot of money in a competition.

### ADVICE

#### **1. Read the situation and make sentences with SHOULD HAVE.**

1. When we got to the restaurant there were no free tables. We hadn't reserved one.

2. We went for a walk. While we were walking, we got hungry but we hadn't brought anything with us to eat.

3. I went to Paris. Marcel lives in Paris but I didn't go to see him while I was there. When I saw him later he said...

4. The driver in front stopped suddenly without warning and I drove into the back of his car. It wasn't my fault.

5. The accident happened because Tom was driving on the wrong side of the road.

### DEDUCTION

#### **1. Read the situation and write a sentence with MUST HAVE or CAN'T HAVE. Use the word in brackets.**

1. The phone rang but I didn't hear it. (be asleep)
2. That dress you bought is very good quality. (be very expensive)
3. I haven't seen Jim for ages. (go away)
4. I wonder where my umbrella is. (you / leave / it on the train)
5. Don passed the examination. He didn't study very much for it. (the exam / be / very difficult)
6. She knew everything about our plans. (listen to our conversation)
7. Dennis did the opposite of what I asked him to do. (understand what I said)
8. When I woke up this morning, the light was on. (forget to turn it off)
9. I don't understand how the accident happened. (the driver / see the red light)

#### **2. Write COULD, MUST, SHOULD, MIGHT or CAN'T in the past tense.**

1. How did you know about the wedding? Someone \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) you.
2. The money was on the desk. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) it, but I didn't.
3. I know you were angry, but you \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) so rude.
4. I don't know who sent these flowers; it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Jane.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not move) abroad; she hates foreign countries.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) a little more polite?
7. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) about the plans for the new factory. It's not possible.
8. I think you \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) your parents you were going to be late. They were very worried.

9. They \_\_\_\_\_ (not get ) into the house through a window; they were all closed.
10. They \_\_\_\_\_ ( not leave) without being seen by anybody.
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ ( go ) for a swim it r d wanted to.
12. You \_\_\_\_\_ (apologise) for being late.
13. We don't know who took the money. The office was full of people and it \_\_\_\_\_ (be ) any of them.
14. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not say) such a terrible thing. 15. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not leave) my keys at home. I'm sure they were in my pocket.
16. He \_\_\_\_\_ (warn) us that he was going to leave the job.
17. She tried to contact me, but the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (be) engaged.
18. He \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) about her illness. Nobody had told him about it.
19. I don't know who wrote the letter. It \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) Mrs. Johnson, as she wasn't in the office that day.
20. I'm sorry, I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) you know what was happening.



## **MODAL VERBS**

### **1. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH MUST, MUSTN'T, NEEDN'T OR CAN'T.**

1. It's warm, you \_\_\_\_\_ wear a coat.
2. "Tomorrow I'll start work at seven." Then you \_\_\_\_\_ get up early.
3. Nobody answers the phone. He \_\_\_\_\_ be at home.
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ smoke in class.
5. "The waiter told me I \_\_\_\_\_ pay the bill." "I paid it before leaving."

### **2. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH HA VE TO, HAS TO, DON'T HAVE TO, DOESN'T HAVE TO, HAD TO OR DIDN'T HA VE TO.**

1. Tomorrow is Sunday. He \_\_\_\_\_ get up early.
2. I met Ann in town, so I \_\_\_\_\_ phone her.
3. The meeting \_\_\_\_\_ be postponed because it's raining.
4. He was very late. I \_\_\_\_\_ wait for a long time.
5. "You speak Italian very well." "Wonderful. I \_\_\_\_\_ study any more."

### **3. COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF (NOT) HA VE TO .**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ do the military service in your country when you were young?
2. Joan \_\_\_\_\_ get up early on Mondays. It's her day off.
3. The teacher told us that we \_\_\_\_\_ work harder.
4. He's been ill. He \_\_\_\_\_ stay in bed since last month.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ catch the bus this morning because Vic gave me a lift.

### **4. REWRITE THESE SENTENCES TO MAKE A SENTENCE SIMILAR IN MEANING TO THE PREVIOUS ONE. USE MAY I MIGHT I CAN I COULD I SHALL.**

1. It will probably rain this afternoon.  
I...
2. What about having lunch at a Chinese restaurant?
3. Do you think I could have one of these sandwiches?
4. There is a possibility that the show will be cancelled.  
The show ...

5. She's likely to move to London.  
She...

### **5. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH A SUITABLE MODAL VERB.**

1. He has a very bad cold. He \_\_\_\_\_ go to the doctor.
2. I have many people for lunch. You \_\_\_\_\_ help me.
3. She has won the Pulitzer Prize. She \_\_\_\_\_ be intelligent.
4. You \_\_\_\_\_ take extra vitamins because you don't eat fruit.
5. Excuse me, \_\_\_\_\_ take your newspaper? Yes, of course.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ answer these questions. (obligation)
7. You \_\_\_\_\_ feed the animals in the zoo. (prohibition)
8. Excuse me, \_\_\_\_\_ I smoke here? (asking for permission)
9. The food \_\_\_\_\_ taste well because it smells well. (deduction)
10. It's late, you \_\_\_\_\_ go home. (advice)

### **6. COMPLETE THESE SENTENCES WITH MUSTN'T, NEEDN'T OR SHOULD.**

1. Have you got any homework to do? Yes, but I \_\_\_\_\_ do it now.
2. I've got a very important exam tomorrow morning. I \_\_\_\_\_ be late.
3. You \_\_\_\_\_ go to bed now if you have to get up early.
4. It's your mother's birthday next week. You \_\_\_\_\_ forget it.
5. That shirt isn't dirty. You \_\_\_\_\_ wash it.

### **7. CHOOSE THE MODAL VERB WHICH YOU THINK MAKES BETTER SENSE.**

1. ARIES.  
Next week you (MAY / WOULD) see someone you (OUGHTN'T TO / HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO) find for a very long time. He or she is someone who (NEEDN'T / USED TO) make you laugh a lot in the old days, but he or she (COULD HAVE CHANGED / IS ALLOWED TO CHANGE) quite a lot since then.

#### 2. LEO.

This (MUST / COULD) easily be the week when you finally fall in love. However, the charming person you meet is someone who (MAY / NEEDS TO) have no intention of getting married. Perhaps, if it is a very young person you meet, he or she (DIDN'T USE TO / WON'T BE ALLOWED TO) marry by his or her parents. So you (MAY / MUST) be careful about the relationship you enter into.

#### 3. TAURUS.

You (WOULDN'T / MUSTN'T) go on as you are now, feeling dissatisfied with yourself. Although there are many things you (WOULDN'T / CAN'T) do as well as you'd like,

there are other things you (ARE ABLE TO / MUSTN'T) do very well. Fix your thoughts on these. Next week you MIGHT NOT / SHOULD) think about things you are good at.  
4. VIRGO.

Until recently you (WOULDN'T / MAY) have thought you were unpopular, but now suddenly there are friends all around you! So you (MUSTN'T / WON'T ) get much sleep next week, as you catch up on all the exciting things you (HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO / CAN'T HAVE DONE) during the past few months. This (MIGHT / MUSTN'T) mean an expensive time for you, so remember, you (SHOULDN'T / CAN'T) afford to spend all your savings.

**8. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH AN APPROPRIATE MODAL VERB. MAKE ANY CHANGES IF NECESSARY.**

CAN/COULD/BE ABLE TO/MUST/HAVE TO/NEEDN'T

1. John, the famous tennis player, \_\_\_\_\_ win three matches for the last two days.
2. You \_\_\_\_\_ come if you don't want to but I hope you will.
3. He may \_\_\_\_\_ wait for her at the airport.
4. The fish is not fresh. It \_\_\_\_\_ taste nice.
5. I've lost my credit card. I \_\_\_\_\_ put in touch with the bank right now.

**9. REWRITE THESE SENTENCES USING MODAL VERBS**

1. It's impossible that it's a real diamond ring.  
It ...
2. I'm certain that Sue was invited to the party.  
Sue...
3. He advised me not to stay out in the sun for too long.  
He said ...
4. I wasn't able to concentrate on the lesson.  
I ...
5. You don't have to answer just now if you don't want to.  
You ...

**10. MODAL VERBS. FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH A SUITABLE MODAL VERB OR VERB EXPRESSION.**

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ from Scotland. The removal van has the name of a Glasgow company on it. (COME-conclusion)
2. "Do you know Sean has had a car accident?" "Oh, really? I \_\_\_\_\_ this afternoon. ( PHONE-sudden decision )
3. When you set off for a long journey, you \_\_\_\_\_ oil and brakes ( CHECK- advice )

4. At the first school went to, we \_\_\_\_\_ our sums using pencil and paper. Now they use pocket calculators. ( DO-habit in the past )
5. I've seen Peter and Jean together a lot recently." "Yes, I think they \_\_\_\_\_ married." (GET - evidence)